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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

In compliance with Applicant's duty under 37 CFR §1.56, Applicant hereby submits this Information Disclosure Statement filed according to the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98.

Enclosed herewith is Form PTO-1449 (Modified) which lists various references submitted by Applicant for consideration. Also, enclosed herewith are copies of each of the references listed in the Form PTO-1449 (Modified). The Examiner is requested to review each of the references, indicate that the references were reviewed by initialing the Form PTO-1449 (Modified) for each reference, and returning a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449 (Modified) to the Applicant.

This information disclosure statement is being submitted after three months of the filing date of the application and after the first Office action on the merits, but before the mailing of a final action, a notice of allowance, or an action that closes the prosecution in the application. As such, Applicant:

- ☐ Respectfully submits that the each item of information contained herein was first cited in a any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement and respectfully requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR §1.97(c)(1) and (e)(1).
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